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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM PARIS DATED MAY 4, 1977
SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO ALL EC CAPITALS, GENEVA,
MTN GENEVA IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES RE RHODESIAN CHROME

REF: STATE 098459, EC BRUSSELS 40590

1. ACCORDING TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, GOF IS
NOT PREPARED TO MEET U.S. TREASURY REQUIREMENTS FOR
CERTIFICATES CONCERNING ORIGIN OF CHROME IN STEEL OR
OTHER PRODUCTS SUCH AS FERROCHROME. MEMBER STATES OF
EC ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH FRENCH VIEW THAT A GENERAL
STATEMENT SHOULD SUFFICE AND HAVE REQUESTED EC COMMIS-
SION TO HANDLE PROBLEM WITH U.S. OFFICIALS IN WASHING-
TON AS NOTED USEC REFTTEL.

2. UNDER DECREE NUMBER 68-759 OF AUGUST 23, 1968
FRANCE PROHIBITED IMPORTS OF ALL PRODUCTS OF RHODESIAN
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ORIGIN. THEREFORE GOF IS WILLING TO GIVE A GENERAL
ASSURANCE THAT PRODUCTS EXPORTED FROM FRANCE TO THE
UNITED STATES CONTAIN NOTHING OF RHODESIAN ORIGIN.

3. EMBASSY HAS BEGUN TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS FROM
SHIPPERS THAT CUSTOMERS IN U.S. ARE URGING THEM TO
OBTAIN PROPER CERTIFICATION BEFORE SHIPMENT, WHILE

CERTIFICATES CANNOT BE OBTAINED IN FRANCE. GOF FEELS
TRADE IS BEING DISRUPTED BY ARBITRARY U.S. ACTION.

4. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF CERTIFI-
CATION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. AND WOULD APPRECIATE
A STATUS REPORT ON EC-US DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON.
WHAT ADVICE SHOULD WE GIVE TO FRENCH EXPORTERS?
GAMMON UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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